

## "A Prayer of Peace" from Luke 11:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:
'Father, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom.

Holiness as depicted in God's/Jesus' personality. Holiness as in the Fruits of God's Spirit. Holiness as in "my life" become my personality.

Kingdom present as "God with us". Kingdom living in the presence of Jesus' personality. Kingdom expands as God's personality lives in and through us.

#### Holiness & Kingdom are first inward, then they move outward.

<sup>3</sup> Give us the bread we need for today.

Ours is
a life of Humble Thanksgiving.
a life of letting go of our way.
a life of God is here, what ever here holds.
a life of sitting at the feet of Jesus
a life of becoming the personality of Jesus.

peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The request for "Daily Bread":

 admits that we
 do not always know

 what is good for us.

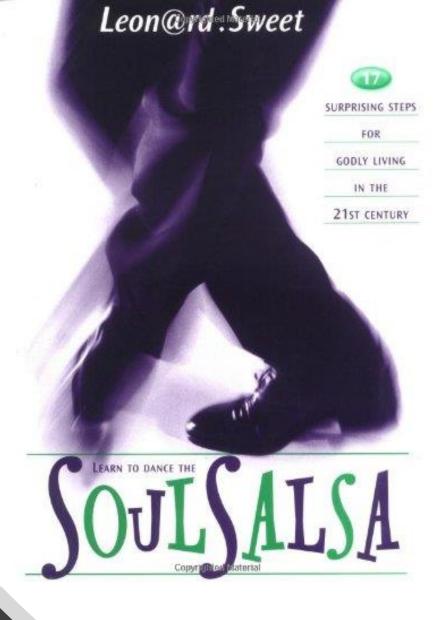
 admits that we
 are not in control.

 admits that we
 cannot expect others to

 give what we think we need.

 Ones life begins to slope downward when one becomes an "expert".

- Believers are students of everything and everyone.
- Believers never graduate.
- We are life long students sitting at the feet of Jesus.





<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation."

• Forgive me in the same way that I forgive others.

Wrong

doing!

- Forgive me when I let go of others.
- Forgive me when I step out of my bitterness.
- Forgive my debt when I cancel the dept owed me.

There is nothing more crippling than holding onto anger. Anger, more that any other emotion, has the power to consume all aspects of our lives, distorts our sense of purpose, and destroy our relationship with God. – Adam Hamilton

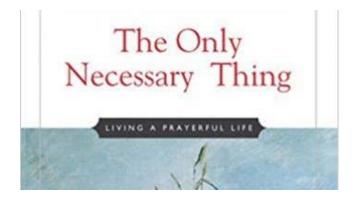


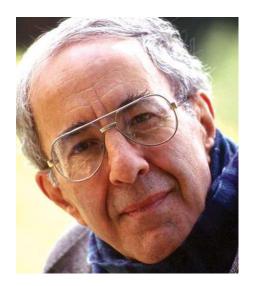
## Don't lead me into testing/temptation Forgiveness --- Testing/Temptation

Why is this here? What is the relationship between the two? Why is this important to praying?

#### Is it possible that then and now:

That we are asking God to protect us from ourselves?
That we have let others overly stir our negative attitudes?
That we falsely expect others to act as we think they should?
That we have become something that God did not intend as be harbor these harsh feelings toward others?
That forgiving is letting go so that God can stand, as the shepherd, between us and evil?





"Dear God, I am so afraid to open my clenched fists! Who will I be

when I have nothing left to hold on to? Who will I be

when I stand before you with empty hands? **Please help me** to gradually open my hands and to discover that I am not what I own, but what you want to give me."

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, <u>The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life</u>

# The Lord's Prayer My Prayer!